

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for controlling a brake mounted on a bicycle, said apparatus comprising:

a pump able to push fluid into a hydraulic circuit connected to the brake, wherein said pump is held inside an integrally unitary bicycle handlebar.

2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for controlling a brake mounted on a bicycle, said apparatus comprising:

a pump able to push fluid into a hydraulic circuit connected to the brake, wherein said pump is held inside a lug connecting [[said]] a handlebar to a steering stem of the bicycle.

3. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said handlebar is of sprint race-type with two curved arms, and wherein said pump is inside each respective arm of said two arms of said handlebar.

4. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein an integral portion of said handlebar defines a connection of said handle bar being rotatably connected to a steering stem of the bicycle.

5. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said pump comprises a piston connected to a respective control lever through an appendix of said lever.

6. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said pump comprises a piston connected to a respective control lever through a connecting rod.

7. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said pump comprises a piston connected to a respective control lever through an appendix of said lever.

8. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein pump comprises a piston connected to a respective control lever through a connecting rod.

9. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said pump comprises a piston connected to a respective control lever through a relevant cable held within a sheath.

10. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said pump comprises a piston connected to a respective control lever through a relevant cable held within a sheath; said cable being fixed to a body of said handlebar or to an integral portion associated with said handlebar, and said piston being pushed by said sheath.

11. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said pump is connected with a reservoir held in said handlebar or in an integral portion associated with said handlebar.

12. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein a reservoir is provided with a lid

which allows said pump to be accessed from the outside.

13. (Withdrawn) A brake controlling apparatus comprising:

a single monolithic handlebar rotatably connected to a steering stem of a bicycle;

a fluid-operating pump enveloped inside said single monolithic bicycle handlebar;

a hydraulic circuit connected to and actuated by said pump; and

5 a brake connected to said hydraulic circuit.

14. (Withdrawn) The brake-controlling apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said single monolithic handlebar is a sprint race-type with two curved arms, and wherein said pump is inside each respective arm of said two curved arms.

15. (Withdrawn) The brake-controlling apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said pump comprises a piston connected to a respective control lever through an appendix of said lever.

16. (Withdrawn) The brake controlling apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said pump comprises a piston connected to a respective control lever through a connecting rod.

17. (Withdrawn) The brake controlling apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said pump comprises a piston connected to a respective control lever through a relevant cable held

within a sheath.

18. (Withdrawn) The brake controlling apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said pump comprises a piston connected to a respective control lever through a relevant cable held within a sheath said cable being fixed to the body of said handlebar or to said part associated with the latter, and said piston being pushed by said sheath.

19. (Withdrawn) The brake controlling apparatus according to claim 16, wherein a reservoir is provided with a lid which allows said piston to be accessed from the outside.

20. (Withdrawn) The brake controlling apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said pump is connected with a reservoir held in said handlebar or in an integral portion associated with said handlebar.